same, provided the recommendations have been received and quota is available at that time. A minimum of two seats per MP is held in reserve for such requests.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Relevance of NAM

1574. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:
SHRI SABIR ALI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent NAM is powerful in today's world; and

(b) the steps Government is taking to make it more strong and powerful?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), with a membership of 118 nations, is the largest group of developing countries. It plays an important role in articulating an independent point of view of developing countries on international issues and as a custodian for South-South cooperation.

(b) India, as one of the founders of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), remains strongly committed to the principles and objectives guiding NAM. On its part, India remains strongly committed to the principles of the NAM and contributes actively to its deliberations, including at the Summit level.

Resuming dialogue with Pakistan

†1575. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister of State for External Affairs insisted on resuming the dialogue between India and Pakistan;

(b) if not, whether it has also been stated that the will of Kashmiri people would be taken care of during the dialogue;

(c) if so, whether it is indicative of seeking referendum; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) No.

(b) to (d) The entire state of Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of India. The people of Jammu and Kashmir have freely and on several occasions exercised their democratic rights through numerous representative elections. Under the Simla Agreement, Government is committed to resolving all bilateral issues with Pakistan peacefully through bilateral dialogue.

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